

## Beyond the Basics Kansas Health and Safety Initiatives: Emergency Preparedness, Breastfeeding and Oral Health

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## The Kansas Child Care Licensing Program shares three initiatives that support regulation compliance and positive child outcomes through education and partner collaboration

- Healthy Smiles
- Communities Supporting Breastfeeding
- Emergency Preparedness

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## Why Collaborating Matters

In collaboration, there is an increase in the understanding of diverse perspectives. "The coordinated efforts of many can accomplish more than the efforts of one or a few separately."

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## The Difference an Initiative Makes

The Road to Regulation Revision is Smooth  
When  
Best Practice is already being used

An initiative is an opportunity to educate providers and assist them in making changes to their business practices that align with best practices.

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## Child Care Licensing Healthy Smiles Initiative

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## Child Care Licensing Healthy Smiles Initiative

Issues:

Oral Health Data from 2010-2013 indicated that children living in Southwest Kansas enter into Kindergarten with highest rates of untreated decay Kansas.

Regulations for Licensed and Group Day Care Home Facility do not require tooth brushing after meals.

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Child Care Licensing collaborated with KDHE Bureau of Oral Health, Oral Health of Kansas, Kansas Child Care Training Opportunity (KCCTO), and Child Care Aware of Kansas (CCA).

Goal:

Focus on changing behavior and encourage healthy habits to include decreasing the number of sugary snacks and beverages served to children, incorporating and expanding oral health education and practices in day care homes and group day care homes.

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## What was Accomplished

Children received toothbrushes and timers to take home and a free screening from a KDHE, Bureau of Oral Health, Dental Hygienist.

Parents received educational materials and screening results.

Participating providers received free training and an educational tub that included oral health supplies.

KS Providers-250 free online and face to face trainings

KDHE added a survey question to collect data.

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Goal:

Improve exclusive breastfeeding rates for infants at three and six months in age. The objective was to assist six communities to achieve the CSB designation by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Inc. (KBC)

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## Communities Supporting Breastfeeding

Issue:

Kansas has a great initiation rate of breastfeeding at birth however the rate dramatically drops when mom goes back to work.

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## WHAT'S THE PLAN? Emergency Preparedness Planning In Child Care



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## Kansas Regulations

Kansas child care regulations require licensed facilities to have an emergency plan to provide for the safety of children and staff.

- K.A.R. 28-4-128(a) for child care centers, preschools, licensed day care and group day care homes
- K.A.R. 28-4-592(b) for school age programs for children and youth

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## Emergency Preparedness Planning

[Save the Children Report Card on Children in Disasters](#)



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## Partnerships for Change



In 2013 the Child Care Licensing Program partnered with [Child Care Aware of Kansas](#) (CCAAS) and [Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities](#) (KCCTO) to offer health and safety training statewide; including emergency preparedness planning .



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## KCCTO On-line Training Option



KCCTO by special agreement with Save the Children offers an online training option.

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## Guidance to Support Regulations

In 2014 [Save the Children](#) staff provided guidance and technical assistance to the Child Care Licensing Program . As a result the Licensing Program:

- Issued a guidance policy: [Emergency Plans to Provide for the Safety of Children and Staff](#)
- Updated the CCL website to include [Emergency Preparedness Planning Resources](#)
- Began the process of reviewing and developing amendments to current regulations

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## KDHE Resources



[Kansas Department of Health and Environment: Child Care Licensing](#)



[Kansas Department of Health and Environment: Preparedness](#)

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## Ongoing Efforts

- Amend regulations to incorporate elements of the guidance policy
- In cooperation with the KS Department for Children & Families and Child Care Aware of KS develop and a comprehensive Statewide Child Care Disaster Plan

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